

MINUTES

EAU CLAIRE CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATIVE MEETING

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

City Council Chamber

4:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Council President Weld called the meeting to order. The following Council Members were present in-person: Jill Christopherson and Terry Weld. The following Council Members were present remotely: Emily Anderson, Kate Beaton, Emily Berge, Catherine Emmanuelle, Jeremy Gragert, David Klinkhammer, John Lor, Andrew Werthmann and Mai Xiong.

UPDATE

Update by Interim City Manager Solberg regarding City operations and local response during the COVID-19 pandemic.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council considered a resolution adopting the Consent Agenda for the following items of routine business on Tuesday, March 9, 2021:

- Adopting the Consent Agenda.
- Approving the Minutes of the February 23, 2021 Council Legislative Session.
- Granting new bartender licenses.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Class A Intoxicating Liquor (Cider only) license of Cenergy, LLC, d/b/a Mega Holiday #3712, 2308 E. Clairemont Avenue, from Christina M. Meckley to Brian Effinger.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #390, 2327 N. Clairmont Avenue, from Naomi Muraro to Kriston Koffler be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #472, 1130 W. MacArthur Avenue, from Craig L. Ermatinger to Naomi Muraro be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #633, 2715 Golf Road, from Ronald M. Kind to Tyler W. Horel be approved.
- Granting a Change of Agent for the Combination Class A Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor license of Kwik Trip, Inc., d/b/a Kwik Trip #398, 2135 Brackett Avenue, from Kriston K. Koffler to Ryan K. Sletten be approved.
- Granting a Combination Class A Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to Kwik Trip, Inc. d/b/a Kwik Trip #1162, 2515 Patton Street, Craig Ermatinger agent.
- Authorizing the acceptance of a permanent trail easement from Northern States Power between North Crossing and O'Brien Street.
- Granting a permanent electrical overhead and underground distribution easement to Northern States Power Company along the corner of Birch Street and Wagner Avenue.

- Granting a permanent gas easement to Northern States Power Company along Forest Street. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the consent resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

PROCLAMATION

President Weld read a proclamation recognizing and celebrating March 5, 2021 as Employee Appreciation Day and encouraging everyone to say a simple “thank you” the next time you encounter someone at their job, and to take a moment to acknowledge their own work and contribution to our society as an employee. All employees make important contributions that deserve to be recognized.

LICENSE

The City Council considered a resolution granting a surrender and transfer of a Combination Class B Intoxicating Liquor & Fermented Malt Beverage license to DoubleW, LLC, d/b/a Princeton Valley, 2300 W. Princeton Avenue, Allison Weyer agent. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

KANE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Kane Road, Folsom Street to STH 312 (21-112). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

OMAHA STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Omaha Street, Starr Avenue to McDonough Street (21-107). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Berge “to postpone” until the 2022 construction season. Said motion failed by the following vote: Aye: Council Members Berge and Werthmann. Nay: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld and Xiong.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by the following vote: Council Members Anderson, Beaton, Berge, Christopherson, Emmanuelle, Gragert, Klinkhammer, Lor, Weld and Xiong. Nay: Council Member Werthmann.

WILDWOOD COURT IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Wildwood Court, Woodridge Drive to North End (21-111). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

RIVERVIEW DRIVE & KEITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on the following streets:

- Riverview Drive, North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road (21-105);
- Keith Street, Clairemont Avenue to Brackett Avenue (21-109).

Council President Weld requested that the projects be considered separately. No objection was voiced and said projects were separated for consideration.

RIVERVIEW DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Riverview Drive, North Boat Launch to 2,700 Feet West of Airport Road (21-105). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Weld “to amend the resolution” by increasing the street width face-to-face to 34-feet, north of Hickory Lane; providing an 8-foot parking lane on the west and north sides of this section, 11.5 foot travel lane in each direction, and 3 foot of gutter, while maintaining a 5 foot boulevard and 5 foot sidewalk on the east and south sides. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

KEITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

The City Council considered a final resolution approving the project and levying special assessments for street and utility improvements on Keith Street, Clairemont Avenue to Brackett Avenue (21-109). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Werthmann “to amend the resolution” by maintaining a minimum 5.5 foot bike lane in each direction between Rist Avenue and Goff Avenue by adjusting pavement markings, including supplemental signage and removing parking along the west side of Keith Street from Rist Avenue to Goff Avenue. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” as amended. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

KEITH STREET SIDEWALK

The City Council considered a resolution ordering sidewalk to be repaired in accordance with Wisconsin Statute s. 66.0907 on Keith Street, Clairemont Avenue to Brackett Avenue (21-109). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

CITY-WIDE SIDEWALK

The City Council considered a resolution ordering the repair of city-wide sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 49 locations beginning with 1503 Rust Street, Parcel No. 03-0788 (addresses within the SunRae Mesa 1st Addition and SunRae Mesa 2nd Addition are being added to this year's repair list due to a lapse in 10-year installation requirement). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Klinkhammer and seconded by Council Member Lor “to adopt the resolution.”

Council Member Christopherson requested that Parcel No. 14-1933 be considered separately. No objection was voiced and said project was separated for consideration.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with Parcel No. 14-1933 removed. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

SIDEWALK PARCEL NO. 14-1933

The City Council considered a resolution ordering the repair of city-wide sidewalk and curb and gutter according to Section 66.0907, Wisconsin Statutes, at 3012 White Oak Lane, Parcel No. 14-1933. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Christopherson and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to postpone” to the March 23, 2021 Council meeting. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing fourth quarter appropriations adjustments for the 2020 Adopted Budget, and 2020 year-end carryovers for the Adopted Budget and Capital Improvement Budget. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Werthmann and seconded by Council Member Xiong “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

Council Member Klinkhammer left the meeting.

LIBRARY SITE PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving a site plan in a P-Public district to allow for the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library expansion project (File PZ-2102). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Anderson and seconded by Council Member Beaton “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

HIBBARD HALL PARKING LOT SITE PLAN

The City Council considered a resolution approving a site plan in a P-Public district to allow for the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire (UWEC) Hibbard Hall Parking Lot reconstruction (File PZ-2103). Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Berge and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to adopt the resolution.”

Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Gragert and seconded by Council Member Christopherson “to amend the site plan” by maintaining the unrestricted access on State Street and postponing the monument sign until reapplication with additional information by applicant. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

A vote was then taken “to adopt the resolution” with amended site plan. Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

REMOTE MEETING ATTENDANCE

The City Council considered a resolution authorizing remote attendance at City Council and Public Meetings. Thereupon a motion was offered by Council Member Emmanuelle and seconded by Council Member Gragert “to adopt the resolution.” Said motion passed by unanimous vote.

ZONING

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at the south end of Scully Drive, east of Highway 53 from C-3P to R-3P and to adopt the general development plan for a multi-family and duplex development (Z-1684-21).

The City Council had first reading on an ordinance rezoning property located at 3536 Folsom Street from R-1 to R-2P and to adopt the general development plan for a twin home development (Z-1685-21).

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned without objection.

Adjournment: March 9, 2021

Time: 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

/s/ Terry L. Weld
Council President

/s/ Carrie L. Riepl
City Clerk